GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:569
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Export Processing Zones (EPZ) situated at present in the country, state-wiseand location-wise with details of export potential and their performance, specifying in terms of export material, quantity and value;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up some more Export Processing Zones in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to set up EPZ in Dharmapuri or Salem district tofacilitate the export of agro and rural industrial products?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 569 FOR ANSWER ON 5.5.2000 REGARDING EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES.

(a) There are seven Export Processing Zones (EPZs) in the country set up by the Government in Kandla (Gujarat), Santa Cruz Bombay (Mahashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh). The EPZ units broadly fall under the product groups of gem and jewellery, electronics, textile andgarments, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, engineering goods and plastic and rubber goods. Exports made from EPZs during the last three years are as under:

Year	Exports from EPZs (Rs. in Crores)
1997-98	4817.30
1998-99	5252.48
1999-2000 (Provisional)	6160.66

(b) to (d): It was decided in 1992 not to set up any new EPZs under Government of India.However, Export Processing Zones can be established by State Governments or in joint/private sector with the prior approval of the Central Government.No proposal has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu or private promoters for setting up of an EPZ at Dharmapuri or Salem District.